



## PRESIDENT WILSON TAKES INITIATIVE IN EFFORT TO TERMINATE EUROPEAN WAR

### Chief of Nation Sends Personally Prepared Identical Notes to Belligerents Suggesting That They Compare Terms on Which Each Is Willing to End War; Offers His Services.

### ACTION ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT OF PEACE MOVE OF CENTRAL POWERS

### Warring Nations Are Asked to Join Proposed League to Enforce Peace; Cooperation of Other Neutrals and Vatican Assured.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson as chief executive of the greatest nation which has been able to keep free from the European war, has taken the initiative to restore and maintain world peace. He has directly addressed all of the belligerents and neutrals on the subject.

Independent of the peace suggestions made by the Teutonic allies, the president has called on the belligerents to "learn how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing."

Does Not Propose Peace.

He does not propose peace, neither does he offer mediation. He does, however, call upon the belligerents to "compare views as to the terms" on which the war can be ended.

Announcement of the action of the president was made personally by Secretary of State Lansing. The greatest secrecy had enshrouded the action of the chief executive. The note was prepared by him personally after conferring with his cabinet and was sent in code on Monday to the United States ambassadors and ministers.

Duplicate Notes Are Sent.

A footnote to the copy which was addressed to Ambassador W. H. Page in London announced that a similar communication had been sent to the representative accredited to the governments of France, Italy, Japan, Russia, Belgium,

## UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE IS URGED AS PEACE MOVE OF U. S.

### Army League Secretary Raps Present Volunteer System of This Country.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The most influential peace society this nation could organize would be 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 young men under universal military service. Secretary George Hewitt Myers of the Army league declared today.

"The strongest influence for honorable peace," he said, "would be a system of universal military service under our present volunteer system, everybody outside the regular army and the National Guard expects the other fellow to go whenever there is any danger of this country being plunged into war."

"The average man either says openly or thinks that there will be plenty of men of a venturesome spirit to fill up an army. With this idea in mind, it has been frequently declared that we could raise 1,000,000 men between sunset and sundown if the country was threatened."

"But this does not prevent men of jingo proclivities from demanding that we rush into war without a just cause."

Myers holds, in common with military men, that if this nation hopes for a world guarantee of peace it must contribute a larger military share to the guarantee than it can now offer.

### Taft Issues Warning.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—William Howard Taft, speaking for the League to Enforce Peace yesterday, predicted that if the machinery of war continues to grow, the next conflict will find the United States a participant.

"All nations when the curtain falls upon the terrible panorama of strife and bloodshed on the European battlefields, will be looking to us," he said. "They will look to us to prevent a repetition of the terrible catastrophe that has shocked the world and all but prostrated nations. This places a trust upon us. It is a trust to help, if we can, the less fortunate belligerents."

"If the machinery of war continues to enlarge and grow more terrible, the next war, as President Woodrow Wilson has said, will be a war with no neutrals."

### Landsthing to Vote On Sale of Islands

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—An immediate vote is expected in the Landsthing upon the proposal to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States for \$25,000,000. On the preliminary canvass it was indicated that the vote would be in favor of the sale, thus giving it final ratification. The ratification bill was passed yesterday by the folkething by 89 to 19.

## Woman Hides \$525 in Waist; Lost in Street

### Guest at Portland Hotel Drops Big Roll While on Way Home Last Night.

Police detectives today are endeavoring to recover \$525 which was reported lost last night by Mrs. L. Babcock of the Portland hotel.

Mrs. Babcock told the detectives she went to the Campbell Hill hotel, Twenty-third and Washington streets, last evening, where she dined. To pay for her meal she took the money, which was all in bills, out of her waist, replacing it in the pocket of the dress she wore on the street, where she boarded a streetcar, arriving at the hotel at 9 o'clock, later discovering her loss. The money was all in one hundred dollar bills and Coleman are working on the case.

## NEUTRALS WILL BACK PRESIDENT WILSON'S REQUEST FOR TERMS

### Executive Acted With Knowledge Others Would Stand Behind Him in New Move.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, made an appointment with Secretary Lansing today. It was stated that he had expected to discuss with the secretary the president's note on peace and also the German attitude in the light of Lloyd-George's recent address.

Before going to the state department, Count von Bernstorff expressed absolute confidence that a peace conference eventually will be arranged.

By Robert J. Bender.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—In making his first formal effort to get a statement of peace terms from the belligerent powers and to evolve from the European war means of preventing a similar world tragedy, President Wilson acted with knowledge that the other world neutrals would stand behind him in his new move.

He has the greatest confidence that his efforts will succeed.

Official and diplomatic Washington (Concluded on Page Six, Column Two)

## Robs Benefactor of \$600 Indemnity

### George Salavich, a Serbian laborer, was arrested at Third and Couch streets this morning by City Detectives known and charged with stealing \$600 from Anton Tepavich on November 7.

Salavich is accused of taking the money from Tepavich while the latter was unconscious, following a fall at Broadway and Washington streets from a St. John's car. Tepavich had paid the other's fare on the car and had exhibited his roll at the time.

Tepavich was permanently disabled while working for the Hamilton Creek Lumber company in 1913, and had been paid \$750 indemnity by the Washington Industrial Accident commission the day after the fall. He had paid his doctor's bills and had just \$400 left, he claims.

Tepavich's friends say that Salavich was seen freely spending money after the accident at Broadway and Washington. Salavich is held on \$1000 bail.

## Pleasant Surprise to Electric Employees

Employees of the Western Electric company plant at Union avenue and East Street received a most pleasant surprise.

Condon R. Bean, manager of the Portland branch received notification of the company's Christmas present to its men.

Each man in the plant, who has been with the company a year or more, will receive 10 per cent of his monthly check for the next 10 months, his bonus accompanying his monthly pay check.

Each man who has been in the employ more than six months, but less than a year will receive 5 per cent of his monthly stipend for 10 months.

## New Cabinet for Austria Is Formed

London, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Count Ciano-Martini, to whom was entrusted the task of forming an Austrian cabinet following the failure of Dr. Spitzmueller, has announced his list of ministers, according to a dispatch from Vienna today.

Count Ciano-Martini has the double post of premier and minister of agriculture, while the portfolio of minister of finance was allotted to Dr. Spitzmueller.

## Missouri Pacific Ordered to Be Sold

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—United States Circuit Judge Cook, sitting in the United States district court, today ordered the sale of the Missouri Pacific railroad to satisfy a first and refunding mortgage on the lines. The order of foreclosure was asked by the Guaranty Trust company of New York and Benjamin F. Edwards, trustee.

## BULLETINS

### Appointments Are Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The appointment of Judge Kimbrough Stone, son of the senior senator from Missouri, as United States district judge for the eighth judicial district, was confirmed by the senate late today. The senate also confirmed Duval West as federal judge for the district of western Texas.

Commander Ralph Earle, U. S. N., was confirmed as chief of the bureau of ordnance.

### Christmas Bonuses Large.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Christmas bonuses amounting to \$2,500,000 were announced today by the Western Electric company, the Crane company and Andrews & Co., stock brokers.

The Western Electric company will give two to four weeks' wages and the other firms 10 per cent of the annual wages.

### Election Certificate Issued.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Secretary of State Osborn today issued a certificate of election to Tom Campbell, Republican, elector for governor over Governor George W. P. Hunt by 30 votes.

Hunt immediately renewed his contest, protesting inspection of the ballots being recorded in the superior court was resumed this afternoon.

### Burbank Secures License.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Luther Burbank, 66, the plant wizard, and Miss Elizabeth Waters, 32, his secretary, at 2 o'clock this afternoon obtained a marriage license and went at once to the First Unitarian church, where they will be married.

### U. S. Invited to Join Loan.

Peking, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The United States has been invited by Russian, Japanese, British and French interests to share in the proposed \$50,000,000 loan to China.

## MESSAGE OF WILSON TO NATIONS AT WAR CAUSES STOCK BREAK

### Market in Danger of Being Closed; Selling Becomes Furious; Margins Raised.

New York, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—President Wilson's message to the European belligerents and Secretary Lansing's statement caused two distinct panicky breaks in the stock exchange today.

To these bear factors, this afternoon was added a mass of sales forced by the demands of brokers for greatly increased margins, in some instances as high as 50 per cent, to prevent the market being driven into such panic conditions as caused the closing of the exchange at the outbreak of the war.

The result is hundreds of attractive and useful gifts are today being distributed among the children who would otherwise have no visit from good Saint Nick.

## Irish Pacification Appears Probable

### Late Developments Point to Determination of Lloyd-George Government —Prisoners May Be Released.

London, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—That the Lloyd-George government has determined upon a scheme for the pacification of Ireland is indicated by following the interpellation of Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, in the house of commons last night.

It was predicted by the newspapers today that a majority of the Irish rebels would accept the terms of the rebellion will be released immediately.

There is a strong movement under way also to have martial law abolished in Ireland.

## Cashed Check Twice At the Same Bank

### O. A. Swanson, a railroad laborer who succeeded in cashing the same check twice on a Portland bank, has been apprehended in Seattle according to word received by Attorney General Clegg today.

## Christmas Cheer For Messenger Boys

Some fourscore messenger boys, comprising the day force of the Western Union Telegraph company, tonight at a dinner and theatre party. The dinner will be given in a private dining room at the Hotel Multnomah, after which the party will attend the theatre at the Helix. The Sons of Veterans Drum corps will also be guests of the company at both dinner and theatre. W. A. Robb, Portland manager for the Western Union, will lead the feast, and O. M. Plummer, member of the school board, will be the principal speaker.

## Warrants Issued For Auto Owners

Two John Doe warrants for the arrest of automobile owners who failed to report automobile accidents to the police were issued out of the municipal court this morning. These are the first prosecutions of this nature started. Provision that drivers must report accidents was made and the traffic ordinance that went into effect the first of the month.

## St. Ursula Was Sunk —Without Warning

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The American consul at Malta reported to the state department today that the British steamer St. Ursula with six Americans aboard had been torpedoed without warning. None of the Americans was killed.

## Game Is Off When Mamma Learns of Job

### "Society" Man, Posing as United States Employee, Worked on Business End of Streetcar.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(P. N. S.)—A broken-hearted debutante, imitate mother and an unmasked impostor are the principal characters in a shrewd love story today.

Meanwhile, W. H. Tidwell, special agent of the treasury department, is deciding whether or not he should prosecute Louis Cunningham, street car conductor employed by the United Railroads, for impersonating a government officer.

Cunningham, according to facts laid before federal officials, has been a bright light in a prominent local society for a year. At first he referred vaguely to his employment by the government as an executive in the customs service. Later he went into details. This was after he had confessed his love for the girl of his acquaintance and sought her hand. The girl's mother demanded facts. Cunningham supplied them.

Starting as an inspector, Cunningham, it appeared, had risen by rapid strides to the position of chief board officer. To substantiate his story, he announced that he would have both Tidwell and Collector of Port Davis called in for the phone. Both calls were made.

Later Davis, or so he named himself over the phone, called and told the young lady that Tidwell was due back from his vacation in a few days, and that he was arranging a formal reception in Tidwell's honor and wanted her to attend. The girl, ordered a gown fitting for the occasion, and called her mother to tell her she was going to the party.

About this time the mother, motoring with her son-in-law, saw her daughter in a street car, in uniform and right on the job. The game was all off.

## Parent-Teachers Holding Toy Day

### Playthings and Other Things Suitable for Presents Are Being Delivered at Social Service Bureau.

This is toy day with the Portland Parent-Teacher associations.

For weeks past the women who make up the Parent-Teacher organizations have been gathering up the dolls, the toys, the books and playthings that their children have outgrown and are ready to be put in order generally and assembled at the social service bureau, corner Fourteenth and Johnson streets.

In this work the women have had the practical assistance and cooperation of the boys and girls in the manual training departments and domestic science departments, the former having mended the toys and dolls and the latter having cleaned the dolls.

The result is hundreds of attractive and useful gifts are today being distributed among the children who would otherwise have no visit from good Saint Nick.

## Salvage of H-3 Is Abandoned for Time

### Eureka, Cal., Dec. 21.—(P. N. S.)—Temporarily abandoning all efforts to salvage the United States submarine H-3, which went aground near Humboldt Bay last week in a heavy fog, the monitor Cheyenne, carrying Lieutenant Boggs and part of the crew of the wrecked diver, left today for San Francisco, accompanied by the navy tug Arctichoke and the revenue cutter McCulloch.

## Von Shack Admits Buying Bomb Model

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### Washington, Dec. 21.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The senate today adopted the conference report on the grazing homestead bill. The measure will next come up in the house.

## NOTE RECEIVED IN LONDON, BUT IS KEPT SECRET

### Contents Were Cabled to British Press Last Night but Dispatch Indicates It Is Held Up by Censor.

### NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIVED FROM PARIS

### Cables From Both Countries Silent So Far as Comment on Note Concerned.

London, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The press bureau this afternoon issued for publication Friday morning the Wilson note to belligerents regarding peace.

London, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—President Wilson's message to the belligerents had not been released for publication here at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The note has been received at the foreign office, but its contents remain undisclosed.

London, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Publication of the American peace note has been withheld in England pending an exchange of views between the allied governments.

It was stated on thoroughly competent authority this afternoon that the note will not interfere with the proposed allied answer to the German peace proposals.

It is apparent from the above dispatch that the British censor has held up all press dispatches from the United States regarding the message.

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## 2200 Families Are Newcomers Here

"Twenty-two hundred new families have made homes in Portland since last June, according to records on our electrical service," said A. C. McMicken, sales manager of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, this morning.

"Portland is definitely swinging back toward normal good times.

"Recent investigations that we have made show there is an unoccupied house with a bathtub in the St. Johns district. There is quite a good deal of new settlement in the district south of Division street on the east side, and in South Portland on the west side. Much of this additional settlement is directly due to the shipyards and sawmills."

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## Fair Motorist Plays Tag and Pays \$10 Fine

### "Here's a Merry Christmas," Remarks Miss Helen Case, As She Turns Over the Money.

Good rocks will not soothe the anger of a motorcycle patrolman when he is on the way to a shooting and has a fair automobilist choosing to play tag with him in the city streets.

Miss Helen Marvel Case, an Irvington girl, residing at 574 Rodney avenue, learned this at 10 o'clock this morning. Motorcycle Patrolmen Bales and Gouldstone were just swinging north into Oak, hurrying to East Seventh street and Alameda avenue, last night, where Nathan Hankin had been shot. Miss Case joined the procession, driving a seven passenger machine, swinging just behind Bales and in front of Gouldstone.

The motorcycle traveled at 25 miles an hour, the emergency vehicle limit, but Miss Case hung just five feet behind Bales, who jockeyed back and forth across the street trying to get out of the path of the big machine. Gouldstone warned her at Burnside street to get out of the parade, but on the steel bridge she speeded up and across the street trying to get out of the path of the big machine. Gouldstone followed and at Union avenue and Holiday she was stopped and told to report to Judge Languth. He imposed a fine of \$10, despite her assertion that the police were playing tag with her.

"I wish you all a merry Christmas with this money," she remarked, as she tendered a \$10 check to N. D. Heuten, clerk of the court.

## I. W. W. Are Jailed For Street Speaking

### Bakery Strike of South End Keeps Police Busy Arresting Alleged Dis- turbances; Street Cleared Four Times.

Seventeen members of the I. W. W. were arrested at varying times during the forenoon by Police Sergeant Carlson and a squad of officers for picketing and speaking in front of the Oregon Bakery and Coffee House, First and Madison streets, where a strike of waiters and dishwashers has been declared.

Eight members of the organization were taken in the afternoon, six the second, two the third, and one arrest was made the fourth time that the police cleared the street. More and more of the Industrial Workers arrived at the scene to join those jailed, and police reinforcements were sent to the scene at noon.

The strike was over a matter of wages and hours of employment. The men showed their anger at 10 o'clock for 12 hours, seven days of the week, and they are demanding a scale of \$13 per week on a six day, ten hour schedule. They were charged with vagrancy, but when their cases came before Judge Languth he dismissed them.

## Postal Receipts This Month Equal All '90

### No abatement was noticeable today in the throngs at the postoffice and its substations. Clerks and carriers, informed as they are with additions to their numbers, found no time to slacken their pace.

## Prohibition Bill Receives Support

### Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The national prohibition bill was reported favorably by the senate judiciary committee today.

## Union Pacific Gives Its Employees Bonus

### New York, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The Union Pacific railroad today declared an extra dividend of 2 per cent on its common stock and a bonus of one month's salary for employees who receive less than \$1800.

## Berlin Says U-Boat Torpedoed Suffren

### Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The French battleship Suffren, reported as lost in a French official statement of December 8, was torpedoed by a German submarine, a Berlin statement received here today asserted. The undersea boat sank the warship on November 26 off the Portuguese coast, and the entire crew of 718 men was lost.

## Express Drivers of Chicago Plan Strike

### Chicago, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A strike of drivers for the express companies will be called today, according to Michael Winek, secretary of the Railway Express Drivers' union. Police reserves have been ordered held ready for any possible contingency.

## U. S. URGES PEACE TALK SHOWDOWN

### Secretary of State Lansing Says President Wilson's Message to Belligerents in Europe Prompted by Desire to Ascertain Facts.

### NATION MAY BECOME INVOLVED IN THE WAR

### Government Would Know Ob- jects Sought by Both Sides That It May Shape Course of Conduct in Future.

By Robert J. Bender.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Plainly hinting that there is danger of the United States being drawn into the war, Secretary of State Lansing today said this was the real reason behind President Wilson's message to the belligerents.

"The situation of the United States, as a neutral, is rapidly becoming intolerable, he said. Therefore the president has demanded a showdown.

"Our rights have been invaded and the situation is becoming so intolerable that it cannot go on long," said Secretary Lansing.

"More and more our rights are invaded by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly intolerable. I mean by that that we are drawing nearer to the verge of war and therefore are entitled to know what each belligerent seeks in order that we can regulate our conduct in the future.

"It was not our material interests that were concerned when we said this."

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## NEUTRALITY POLICY OF THE PAST TO REMAIN, SO LANSING DECLARES

### Explanatory Statement Is Is- sued to the Public by the Secretary of State.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—The United States government is "not considering any change in its policy of neutrality" toward all the belligerent nations, Secretary of State Lansing declared this afternoon in formal statement which he explained supplementarily on he made earlier today. This second statement was made, Lansing said, because his first had been subjected to "various constructions he had not meant to convey."

The secretary said that if it were found that that portion of the president's communication to belligerents, where it was said the situation is becoming intolerable, was found to have experienced the same "misconstructions," it might be necessary to send a supplementary or explanatory note to the belligerents.

"The official copy of Secretary Lansing's second statement said:

"I have learned from several quarters that a wrong impression was made by the statement which I made this morning. I wish to correct that impression. My intention was to suggest the very direct and necessary interest which this country, as one of the neutral nations, has in the possible terms which the belligerents may have in mind and I did not intend to intimate that the government was considering any change in its policy of neutrality, which it has consistently pursued. I regret that my words were open to any other construction as I now realize that they were. I think that the whole tone and language of the note to the belligerents shows the purpose without further comment on my part. It is needless to say that I am unreservedly in support of that purpose and hope to see it accomplished."

## Christmas Gifts To Be Delivered By Mail on Sunday

### Christmas parcels will be de- livered to Portland homes Sunday, says a Postmaster announcement in order to alleviate the congestion of mail generally and to accommodate the peo- ple also. First class mail is not included in this arrange- ment and inasmuch as employees are not permitted to be employed on Sunday, extra carriers and distributors will be mustered in.

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